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Report from Cape Colony—Plague—Examination for plague-infected rodents—Infectious diseases.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Cape Town, Cape of Good Hope, March 20, 1905.

The following report by the medical officer of health for the Colony on the occurrence of bubonic plague in the Cape Colony for the week ended March 18, 1905, is published for general information.

NOEL JANISCH,
Under Colonial Secretary.

Port Elizabeth.—One case of plague was discovered during the week, namely: A native female on the 17th instant. At the plague hospital 1 case remains under treatment. Two hundred and fourteen rats (16 found dead) and 237 mice (17 found dead) were bacteriologically examined during the week, of which 4 rats and 9 mice proved to be plague-infected.

East London.—Two cases of plague were discovered during the week, namely: Two Indian males on the 13th instant. At the plague hospital 2 Indian males died. One native female remains under treatment. Fifty-nine rats (45 found dead) and 36 mice (9 found dead), were bacteriologically examined during the week, of which 25 rats and 1 mouse proved to be plague-infected.

Other districts of the Colony.—No plague infection was discovered either in man or animals. Three hundred and twenty-nine rodents were examined during the week from the Cape Town harbor board area and the shipping in the harbor, and 577 were examined by the medical officer of health for the city from the Cape Town municipal area.

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Medical Officer of Health for the Colony.

Return of cases of infectious disease in the Cape division for the week ended March 18, 1905.

Local authority.	Diphtheria.		Scarlet fever.		Enteric (typhoid) fever.		Leprosy.		Tuberculosis.	
	Euro-pean.	Col-ored.	Euro-pean.	Col-ored.	Euro-pean.	Col-ored.	Euro-pean.	Col-ored.	Euro-pean.	Col-ored.
Cape Town.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....	2	.....	1	2	3
Woodstock.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
Maitland.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Claremont.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wynberg.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
Simons Town.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	2	.....	.....	1	4	3	.....	1	3	5

From the following local authorities no returns have been received: Green and Sea Point, Mowbray, Rondebosch and Kalk Bay municipalities, Cape Divisional Council, and Glen Lily, Fairfield, and Parow village management board.

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